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NACOGDOCHES WOMAN GOES TO PRISON FOR STEALING FROM HER EMPLOYER

(Beaumont, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that a 39-year-old Nacogdoches woman has been sentenced to 36 months in federal prison for mail fraud in the Eastern District of Texas. **STEPHANIE VAN DYKE** was sentenced today by United States District Judge Thad Heartfield.

According to information presented in court, from 1997 to January 2005, the defendant devised a scheme to pay her personal obligations using her employer's funds without their consent. Van Dyke, while employed with Anderson Record Service, used business checks to pay her own bills, including utilities, phone services, medical bills, and numerous charge accounts. Van Dyke mailed the checks without the knowledge or consent of her employer. Van Dyke was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$402,654.04.

Van Dyke was charged with mail fraud and pleaded guilty in December 2005.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Reynaldo P. Morin prosecuted the case.